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GENE HICKEY, MMR

anquet guest speaker John W. Budd, President of REAT NORTHERN RAILWAY, receives 5-chime whistle rom Convention Chairman Eugene Hickey.

Gene Hickey, MMR #24

Eugene E. (Gene) Hickey of Minneapolis, Minnesota has become the NMRA's twenty-fourth Master Model Railroader. He is the second member of the Thousand Lakes Region to earn this distinction.

Gene's first Achievement Certificate was that of Association Official earned in November, 1966 for his work as President and Director of the Thousand Lakes Region. His seventh Certificate, Association Volunteer, was approved in October, 1968 for his work as Chairman of the 1969 NMRA Convention to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

During the two years between the first and seventh Certificates, Gene earned recognition as a Master Builder — Cars; Master Builder — Structures; Master Builder — Scenery; Model Railroad Engineer — Civil and Chief Dispatcher.

Gene's 12 by 28 foot pike occupies the basement of his home and is considered one of the artistic and operational gems of the Twin Cities area. It features rugged mountain scenery (with real imported rock), has eight towns, and two yards with full terminal facilities. Many items of rolling stock, and most of the structures are scratch-built; Gene's models have been winning prizes in TLR competitions since 1958.

Gene is married, has three children, and is a practicing professional architect.

1,000th A.P. Certificate

Eugene E. Hickey, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has earned the 1,000th Achievement Certificate. Gene's new Certificate is Master Builder—Structures. He qualified for the Certificate by earning three prizes for his structures at the Thousand Lakes Region Convention in June, 1968. Gene has scratchbuilt some 10 bridges, a roundhouse, an engine shed, two turntables, four water tanks, six depots, two coal docks, a car repair shop, a large mine, a snowshed, and 30 other assorted and related buildings. In addition, he's built 15 structures from kits.

This is Gene's sixth Achievement Certificate. His others are Master Builder—Cars, Master Builder—Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer — Civil, Chief Dispatcher, and Association Official. Gene is also presently serving as the General Chairman of the 1969 NMRA Convention to be held in Minneapolis.